

COLLEGIALITY & SUBSIDIARITY

WE get the positive bit in today's gospel "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church ..." without the corrective Matthew supplies immediately after it, when Peter remonstrates against Jesus' predictions of his Passion, and is sternly rebuked by him "Get behind me, Satan ...". The foundation stone has become the stumbling-block. At one level, Peter represents every disciple – we set out on our way of discipleship with high ideals, but find that our human concerns (not necessarily to be despised) get in the way of our responding to the divine invitation.

At another level this saying – set in gold letters round the dome of St Peter's basilica in Rome, over the grave of the Apostle – raises the issue of authority in the church. The church in Rome known by Peter and Paul would have been a loose collection of independent assemblies, meeting in the houses of wealthy members of the community, each with its own leaders. Yet as time went on this loose confederation thought of itself as one church, based on the special status of Peter in the gospels, as they believed themselves to perpetuate the responsibilities and privileges of the Apostle. The church of Rome then, from very early times, took on the role of primary witness and guardian of the faith to the wider Christian commonwealth. According to the evangelists, especially Matthew and John, Peter's role is central among the apostles. Still, his was not the only voice. While Paul recognises Peter's special place among the apostles, and his role in the mission to the Jews outside Palestine, Paul vigorously defends his own mission to the gentiles, even to "withstanding Peter to his face" in Antioch. The habit of appealing to the bishop of Rome in doctrinal disputes came from his status as head of a community that had inherited both the teaching and the ultimate act of witness – martyrdom – of the princes of the apostles. The Roman church then became the point of reference for Christians elsewhere, based on the combined authority, uniquely, of two apostles: Peter, to whom the commissions to bind and to feed had been given by Christ himself; and Paul, charismatic preacher of a gospel received direct from God. This enhanced status with respect to the other apostolic sees – Jerusalem, Antioch, Alexandria and later Constantinople – was one of degree, not of kind; although following the vicissitudes of history the Church of Rome alone survived in Christian Europe.

The ecclesiological vision of the Second Ecumenical Council of the Vatican stressed elements of collegiality and subsidiarity: the local church centred on its bishop in communion through him with the bishop (and church) of Rome. Unfortunately, this vision is largely still to be realised: as recent crises have shown too many in the church (including possibly too many bishops) see themselves as local managers of a remote central office of a multinational. Perhaps the most pressing problem of authority faced now by the church of Rome is how to help other churches rediscover their own dignity and authority?

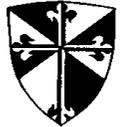
Greg OP

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

21 August 2011

The Newsletter of
HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH, LEICESTER
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Entrance Antiphon:	Listen, Lord, and answer me. Save your servant who trusts in you. I call you all day long, have mercy on me, O Lord.
At 11am – page nos in Missale:	•Mass Ordinary, p 13; Mass Proper, p 143 •(The choir is on holiday this week)
1st Reading:	Isaiah 22:19-23
Psalm 138:	Your mercy, O Lord, endures for ever. Do not forsake the work of your hands. (Ps 138)
2nd Reading:	Romans 11:33-36
Alleluia:	You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.
Gospel:	Matthew 16:13-20
Communion Antiphon:	<u>Either</u> - Lord, the earth is filled with your gift from heaven; man grows bread from earth, and wine to cheer his heart. <u>Or</u> - The Lord says: The man who eats my flesh and drinks my blood will live for ever; I shall raise him to life on the last day.

WEEKDAY MASS IN LATIN. In addition to the Masses listed in the schedule on p 3, Holy Mass will be offered in the Dominican rite from **Monday to Saturday at 8am. EXCEPT THAT THIS WEEK THERE WILL BE NO MASS ON MONDAY 22 AUGUST.**

THE NEW ENGLISH FORM OF MASS. From the beginning of September we will start using the new English form of the Mass. We have bought cards with the new form printed in two colours and in clear type. You can either borrow a card for the Mass you come to, or if you prefer you can buy one (for 50p) to take home to read through, and get familiar with the new wording. The differences are not all that great, though we will need to be careful at first not to stumble over words or rhythms that are slightly different from what we have been used to. The Celebrant will take the opportunity to explain obscurities; and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask him about them. From the beginning of September to the beginning of Advent (the end of November) will be the time when we are getting used to the new form. From the start of Advent the new Missal will come into full use.

Would you like to learn some Latin? Do you know a little and want to brush it up? Would you like to compare the new English translation of the Mass with the Latin original? Our regular weekly Latin class on Tuesdays from 7.00 to 8.30pm will start again on 27 September, led by Ray Fowell. It's a small friendly group, run like a seminar, working at a pace and covering subjects which suit the students. We each pay £3 each per session for the use of the Parish Centre. Ray will be available at the end of every Sunday Mass on 27/28 August and 24/25 September, stationed by the Wellington Street door, easily identified in a blue tie with thin diagonal stripes of green and white, and looking forward to seeing anyone who is interested. Or you can contact him at ray.fowell@btopenworld.com. *Floreat lingua Latina!*

MONEY MATTERS: Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection £947.39; SVP £9.61; Friends of Holy Cross £11.90; Holy Souls £12.84; Grenada Church Restoration £25.15. The retiring collection for CAFOD for the people of East Africa who are suffering from starvation came to £864.82.

This week there is a retiring collection for the third instalment of our Diocesan Quota, our contribution to the cost of running the diocese.

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

School reunion. Christ the King Primary School on Glenfield Road will be celebrating its 60th anniversary on Friday 30 September from 6-9pm when it holds a celebratory School Reunion for past pupils and staff of the school. Refreshments, including a licensed bar, will be available. Tickets may be obtained by contacting the school office from 5 September on 285 7261.

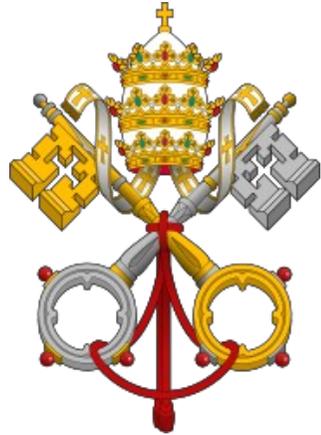
The Legion of Mary are available to visit those who for various reasons are prevented from coming to Mass and desire some spiritual support. Please contact Matthew Woodfield on 0781 315 3221, if you would like to arrange a visit.

Fr Leon will be returning to Holy Cross for the 12.30pm Mass on Saturday 3 September, after which we will make a presentation of the money collected for him. It will be an opportunity to thank him for all that he did in his time here.

For Sale: one-bedroom flat in Court View, New Walk (2 minutes' walk from Holy Cross). Contact Linna Lam on (0116) 255 5922 or 07713 023687.

Last Year's Ride & Stride day in September raised over £47,000 for the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust. We have been a beneficiary of the Trust, and this year's event will be held on **Saturday 10 September**. How does it work? Cyclists and walkers seek sponsorship for the number of churches they visit on the event day. The money raised by each participant is shared equally between a church they nominate and the Trust. Riders and walkers plan their own routes using a list of open churches which, together with sponsorship forms, will be available nearer the time. Around 400 churches will be open, and this is a golden opportunity to visit churches not normally open outside service times. Put the date in your diary now!

Forthcoming parish events for your diary	
Sat 10 Sept	'Ride & Stride' day
Sat 24 Sept	"The Sacrifice of the Mass" - discussion led by Fr Provincial John Farrell OP in St Clement's Hall from 10am
Tue 27 Sept	Latin class resumes, 7pm. First contact Ray Fowell - ray.fowell@bopenworld.com
Sat 1 Oct	Rock n Roll - Absolute Beginners' dance tuition and party
Sat 8 Oct	Blackfriars' Market
Sat 12 Nov	Parish Ceilidh
Sun 27 Nov	Advent Market
Sun 11 Dec	Parish Christmas Lunch



Today's Gospel: "You are Peter and to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven."

Year 1	This week's calendar & Mass Intentions	Psalter Week 1
Confessions	10.30 to 11.30 Fr Thomas, and 17.00 to 18.00 Fr Isidore	
Sunday	21st Sunday per annum	
Vigil	18.00 <i>Pro populo</i>	Fr Thomas
	8.00 ✠ Laurence Smith	Fr Isidore
Family	9.30 Robert Page	Fr Duncan
Solemn *	11.00 ✠ D'Silva	Fr Duncan
OP Rite	12.30 ✠ Holy Souls	Fr Thomas
Students	17.00 No Mass now until next term	—
	19.00 Special intention for Kevin Maughan & John Maughan senior	Fr Isidore
	* <i>The choir is on holiday today</i>	
Monday	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
	10.00 ✠ O'Rawe & Holmes families	
	12.30 ✠ Holy Souls	
Tuesday	St Rose of Lima, virgin	
	10.00 ✠ Dead of the Order of Preachers	
	12.30 ✠ O'Rawe & Holmes families	
Wednesday	ST BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE	
	10.00 Private intention	
	12.30 ✠ Monsignor Terry Stonehill	
Thursday	Feria	
	10.00 ✠ Holy Souls	
	12.30 ✠ Eric Collier	
Friday	Feria	
	10.00 ✠ O'Rawe & Holmes families	
	12.30 ✠ Ellen & John Rehill	
Saturday	St Monica	
	10.00 ✠ Holy Souls	
	12.30 ✠ O'Rawe & Holmes families	
Confessions	10.30 to 11.30 Fr Duncan, and 17.00 to 18.00 Fr Gregory	
WEEKDAY MASS IN LATIN. Holy Mass will be offered in the Dominican rite from Monday to Saturday at 8am. EXCEPT THAT THIS WEEK THERE WILL BE NO MASS ON MONDAY 22 AUGUST.		
Next Sunday – 22nd Sunday per annum. Readings:		
	Jeremiah 20:7-9	Romans 12:1-2
		Matthew 16:21-27

SEE THE NOTICEBOARDS FOR DETAILS OF:

- **Blessed Tansi Pilgrimage** at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey on Saturday 27 August at 11:00am.
- **Our Lady Queen of Peace annual pilgrimage to Walsingham** on Monday 29 August (ring Kath on 234 0103 to book seats on the coach);
- **The Dowry of Mary Pilgrimage to Walsingham** on Sunday 11 September;
- **Towards Advent** – a festival of Catholic Culture – on Saturday 19 November at Westminster Cathedral Hall.

"The Sacrifice of the Mass". There will be a discussion morning led by the Provincial, Fr John Farrell OP, organised by the Lay Dominicans, on Saturday 24 September from 10am in St Clement's Hall. All are welcome. Details from Patrick & Janet Doyle on 01482 802020 and janandpatdoyle@yahoo.co.uk, and see noticeboard.

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES
MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS
7.30 Lauds
10.00 Mass
12.30 Mass (Rosary at 12.00)
17.45 Vespers
Old Rite Masses as announced.
WEDNESDAYS
10.30 Exposition until 12.30
11.45 Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary & Benediction
SATURDAYS
9.00 Lauds
10.00 Mass
10.30 Novena to Our Lady
10.30 Confessions until 11.30
12.30 Mass (Rosary at 12.00)
17.00 Confessions until 18.00
17.45 Vespers
18.00 Vigil Mass for Sunday
Old Rite Masses as announced.
HOLIDAYS
18.00 (previous day) Vigil Mass
7.30 Lauds
10.00 Mass
12.30 Mass
17.45 Vespers
19.00 Mass
BANK HOLIDAYS (& MON TO FRI AROUND XTMAS & NEW YEAR)
7.30 Lauds
12.30 Mass, after which the church is closed
SUNDAYS
8.00 Mass
9.00 Lauds
9.30 Mass (Family)
11.00 Mass (Solemn: Latin on 2 nd , 4 th and 5 th Sundays)
12.30 Mass (Old rite in Latin)
17.00 Mass (for Students, term time only)
17.45 Vespers
18.00 Rosary
18.20 Sung Latin Compline
18.40 Benediction
19.00 Mass
Leicester Royal Infirmary Catholic Chaplaincy: For urgent visits, ask ward staff to bleep the Roman Catholic Chaplain. For non-urgent visits, leave a message at the Priory or the LRI Chaplains' Office. Messages may not be picked up until the end of the day.
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